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Chairman Michael Powell Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I would like to bring to your attention an important issue that profoundly impacts our country. The issue is public safety radio interference – a problem in desperate need of a solution.

Public safety communications systems and commercial wireless operations are located on adjacent and intermingled channels in the 800 MHz spectrum band. The problem that exists is the technologies used by public safety and commercial wireless are incompatible with one another as neighbors. This results in dangerous interference which causes garbled communications and prevents public safety officials from doing their jobs.

The Consensus Plan currently under consideration at the Federal Communications Commission would realign the current jumbled licensing of 800 MHz systems into separate blocks of spectrum for public safety and cellular wireless carriers. By implementing this plan, public safety interference will be virtually eliminated. Also, public safety will receive additional spectrum for future communication needs. Perhaps equally important the Consensus Plan will be implemented at no cost to the American taxpayer.

The Consensus Plan is the only proactive and comprehensive solution to the dangerous problem of public safety interference. Please support the public safety community and implement the Consensus Plan without delay.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours

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